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SUBJECT: GRAIN NEEDS PRIOR TO 1974 HARVEST

REF: STATE 230791

1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

A) MASS-CONSUMPTION GRAIN (CORN-SORGHUM-RICE) IN COUNTRY
OR IN PIPELINE, AS OF EARLY NOVEMBER:

STOCKS - 10,000 TONS EST.: AID PROMISED BUT NOT

YET ARRIVED IN-COUNTRY: 38,320 TONS (EEC - 4,900;

USAID - 15,920; CHINA 5,000; USSR - 2,500; FRANCE -

10,000). THESE FIGURES SUPERSEDE PIPELINE FIGURE GIVEN IN
OUAGADOUGOU 2444.

B) GOUV REQUESTS TO DONORS FOR EMERGENCY AID LIST

TOTAL NEEDS OF 117,000 TONS, WHICH IS HIGH OPTION OF
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FAO/MULTIDONOR REPORT. TO PERMIT DISTRIBUTION TO NORTH,

ALL SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE IN-COUNTRY BEFORE ROADS BECOME IMPASS-
IBLE IN JUNE.

C) GOUV HAS REQUESTED 45,000 TONS ADDITIONAL GRAIN AS
FOLLOWS: EEC - 20,000 TONS ; FRANCE - 5,000 TONS; USAID -
20,000 TONS. THIS REQUEST FROM USAID IS FOR STABILIZATION
PROGRAM; IT NOT CLEAR FROM FAO REPORT WHETHER FAO INTENDED
INCLUDE STABILIZATION PROGRAM INSIDE 117,000 TONS. GOUV ALSO
REQUESTED 10,000 TONS FROM US FOR DROUGHT EMERGENCY BUT IN
EMBASSY VIEW THIS REQUEST ALREADY FULFILLED BY CARRY-OVER
LISTED UNDER (A). GOUV, HOWEVER, MAY CONSIDER THIS
DIFFERENTLY.

D) THIS YEAR'S HARVEST IS CONSIDERED WORSE THAN LAST IN
NORTH AND PERHAPS AVERAGE ELSEWHERE, BUT STATISTICS NON-
EXISTENT. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, WE SUGGEST CONSIDER
HARVEST AS ROUGHLY SAME AS LAST YEAR. AS TO STOCKS, PEASANT
STOCKS ARE PROBABLY LESS THAN A YEAR AGO; BUT OFFICIAL STOCKS,
INCLUDING PIPELINE, ARE MUCH MORE.

E) PORTIONS OF COUNTRY IN SERIOUS NEED OF GRAIN THIS YEAR
ARE ROUGHLY SAME AS LAST -- NORTH (POPULATION 1.7 MILLION)
PLUS CITIES OF OUAGADOUGOU (130,000) AND BOBO-DIOULASSO
(80,000).

2. COMMENT: MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1974 AND 1973 IS
THAT UPPER VOLTA BEGAN LAST SEASON WITH NO OFFICIAL STOCKS AND
NOTHING IN PIPELINE, HENCE HAD NEAR-DISASTER BEFORE EMER-
GENCY SHIPMENTS BEGAN ARRIVING IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY.
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